

HOUSE RESOLUTION 168
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Rosie Sexton,
Christy Killman and the Jumping Jackets Jump
Rope Team.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize school
groups that help our children develop athletic skills, while also providing valuable training in life
skills; and

WHEREAS, the Jumping Jackets Jump Rope Team, composed of Kingston Elementary
School students in the third through fifth grades, is one such commendable group; and

WHEREAS, competition to become a member of the team is tough, with members being
chosen for their exemplary conduct, attitude, and grades, in addition to their jumping skills; all
members must try out for the team each year; and

WHEREAS, this year, for the first time there is a "B" Team, which is learning the skills
necessary to make the "A" team next season; and

WHEREAS, the team has strongly encouraged students at Kingston Elementary School
to become more interested in and involved with jump rope activities; and

WHEREAS, the Jumping Jackets are also one of the most beneficial and least
expensive ways to promote good exercise, fitness, and health; and

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WHEREAS, the Jackets were started five years ago by Christy Killman and for at least three years they have generously contributed their time and energy as a demonstration team for the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team has been honored to march in the Kingston and Gatlinburg Christmas Parades, to jump rope at the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, Roane State Community College basketball games, and to perform at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, most of the team's exciting demonstrations are performed at local schools in their own and in surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, after these demonstrations, many of the students at the participating schools are enthusiastic about learning the routines they have seen the team expertly perform; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach and teacher Rosie Sexton and her capable helper and teacher Annie Scarborough have done an excellent job; and

WHEREAS, the members of the diligent and dedicated traveling squad are Michael Traux, Shawna Martin, April Anderson, Kendra Ayers, Graham Waldrip, Lisa Crawley, Traci Patton, Rachel Sitzlar, Brandi Sheldon, Anthony Piper, Chet Grass, Will Givens, Mitch Kolodi, and Alex Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body are pleased that the Jumping Jackets will perform outside the House of Representatives chambers on March 25, 1998 at 1:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor, commend and welcome this exceptional group who have accomplished a great deal and who possess the potential for future greatness; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor,

commend and welcome Coach Rosie Sexton and the Jumping Jackets Jump Rope Team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.